GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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GREEN STORAGE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has employed new technology for modernisation and development of green storage facilities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to check pilferage and wastage of foodgrains in the storage godowns across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has recently carried out modernisation at the FCI, Depot at Narela, Delhi and Pune, Maharashtra on trial basis.

Further, in order to create green storage facilities across the country FCI has introduced Rain Water Harvesting System (RWHS) and Solar Panels in Food Storage Depots. The details of facilities created in last three years are as under:

Year	No. of RWH	No. of Solar Panels
2010-11	65	11
2011-12	75	17
2012-13	72	-

(c) & (d): All precautions are taken by FCI to prevent wastage and preserve the quality of foodgrains stored with them. Prophylactic and curative measures are carried out regularly for the control of insects/pests. Effective rodent control measures are also undertaken. Regular quality checks are conducted to ensure proper preservation of foodgrains in storage. Adequate dunnage is provided for the foodgrain stocks stored in CAP. The dunnage material is cleaned and disinfected. To protect the CAP stocks from rain, sun, etc. each stack is covered with a polythene cover and are tied with nylon ropes . Wheat stocks stored in CAP by the State Govts/ Agencies are subjected to joint inspection on a regular basis by officers of FCI and the concerned State Govts/Agencies. Stocks are generally issued on the principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO).

To prevent the theft the following steps are taken by FCI:

1. Installation of barbed wires fencing of boundary walls, provisions of street lights in the godowns/complexes and proper; locking of the sheds

2. Security staffs and Special Police officers are deployed for safety of stocks.

3. Deployment of State Armed Police has been done at vulnerable depots/godowns in the naxal prone area.

(e): Does not arise.